

Wildflowers at Borderland

Wildflowers are many and varied at Borderland State Park, thanks to the great variety of habitat: wooded upland, wet lowland, open fields, ponds, streams and marshes.

Many of the “weeds” we would pull out of a flower garden are attractive in their own right, and all are interesting. A plant community is full of information about its habitat.

Milkweed



A favorite of butterflies and bees for its abundant nectar, this summer composite ripens to pods filled with silky threads. We have a patch of milkweed at the entrance to the Visitor Center. (DCR Photo)

Butter-and-Eggs



Named for its striking colors, these snapdragon-like flowers brighten roadsides and fields. Also called **Toadflax**. (Photo courtesy R. Denome, Stonehill College.)

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Whorled Loosestrife



Tiny yellow stars with red centers, this charming flower may be seen at the Visitor Center and around the parking lot. (DCR photo.)

Jewelweed



The plant has translucent stems, and the juice is supposed to protect against poison-ivy. Near the Lodge. (Photo courtesy R.Denome, Stonehill College)

Wrinkled Rose



A pernicious invasive weed, the *Rosa rugosa* is despised by horticulturists and loved by everyone else. In the parking lot. (DCR Photo.)

Crown Vetch



A clover-like cluster of florets, but its viney habit and leaves of many small paired leaflets give it away as a member of the Pea family. (Photo courtesy R. Denome, Stonehill College)

Yarrow



Flat-topped white clusters and very lacy leaves. Near the Junior Rangers' Butterfly Garden. (DCR photo)

Queen-Anne's Lace



More flat-topped white clusters, but much bigger than Yarrow, this is "Wild Carrot". At the Visitors Center. (Photo courtesy R.Denome, Stonehill College)